Broad gauge conversion of Ambliyasan-Kalol rail line

†2850. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

SHRI SURYAKANTBHAI ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to convert Ambliyasan-Vijapur-Kalol metre gauge railway line into broad gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, gauge conversion of Kalol-Adrejmoti section of this metre gauge line had already been completed as a part of Gandhinagar-Kalol project.

Introduction of trains for Andhra Pradesh

2851. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status and details of the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government to introduce a super fast train from New Delhi to Secunderabad; a passenger train from Narasapur to Tirupati and a super fast train from Visakhapatnam to Chennai; and

(b) the time likely to be taken to give clearance to these proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) It is proposed to introduce Narasapur-Tirupati link service in conjunction with Machchilipatnam-Tirupati train. There is no proposal for introduction of superfast train between New Delhi-Secunderabad and between Visakhapatnam-Chennai.

EMU service between Howrah and Belur Math

2852. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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